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Addendum #5

RFQ # 7002411

**Title: Survey of all Quarries Within State of Rhode Island
(Blasting Survey Services)**

Submission Deadline: EXTENDED TO 8 Nov 06 @ 10:30 AM (EST)

- Previously submitted questions, numbered 21 through 36, are answered and posted for review.
- No further questions shall be entertained.

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21. What type and amount of insurance must the offerer have? Note: we hope this clarifies question no. 3 that was previously submitted by this vendor. If the quarry operators require higher limits or different limits in order to access the site – how will the offerer be reimbursed for the additional costs?

Must be insured to bid on RFQ as our agent. The State's insurance requirements are listed in the General Conditions of Purchase. All insurance costs are to be factored into pricing offered the State.

To find the State's General Conditions of Purchase / General Terms & Conditions:

At the website www.purchasing.ri.gov.

Click on General Information (left column)

Click on Rules & Regulations

Click on Appendix A – General Terms & Conditions

22. Will the offerer be required to name additional assureds or insureds on any of these policies? Please provide a listing of interested parties.

NO

23. Please define the word 'affected' – see page 4, item 3.

Very touched by.

24. Please provide the number of qualified complainant's for each quarry that is the subject of this survey.

All

25. The vendor is to visit some of the houses where there is alleged damage from blasting – see page 4 item no. 3. Once this process begins, the owners of real property not selected for site visit will appeal to the State Fire Marshal requesting an expansion of the survey. Will the State Fire Marshal allow such an expansion? If yes, how will the vendor be reimbursed for the additional time?

Visit areas of most frequent complaints. Only complaints on file with the State Fire Marshal's Office will surveyed, their will be no expansion at this time.

26. How many seismographs will be required at each of the two study houses mentioned on page 5, item no. 4?

Minimum of two.

27. In many instances the application of crack gauges requires anchoring. The anchoring systems range from epoxy to tape. How will the vendor be reimbursed by the State of RI for the restoration the real property that is scarred by the anchoring system? Note: In many instances, this may involve repainting an entire room or foundation wall. What happens if the owner of the real property refuses to sign a consent form that allows the crack gauge to be affixed to the real property that is being surveyed?

No reimbursement part of requirement in RFQ.

28. Item 7 on page 5 states that the vendor will provide train the State Fire Marshal's office on issues of concern in quarry blasting and construction blasting. Is it the intent of this survey to establish guidelines that can be for quarry blasting and construction blasting? If not, please explain what the intent of the training is.

Train to accurately interpret seismograph readings and establish guide lines.

29. How long will each, and how many training seminars will need to be provided to the State Fire Marshal, as it may not be possible for every member of the State Fire Marshal's office to be in attendance at once.

One training session approx. 4 hours will be conducted for six employee's.

30. How many copies and the report will be required?

Three copies of the report.

31. Bullet point no. 5 on page 5 states that the vendor is to "Suggest blast patterns..." This will create a liability for the vendor and the State of RI. Is this intention of the State Fire Marshal? If yes, what type and how much additional insurance should the vendor obtain.

Vendor is to only "SUGGEST" changes in blast patterns that will help reduce ground vibrations and air shock, and cause less disruption to area neighbors. No additional insurance required to "SUGGEST" changes.

32. Page 6 states that the bid envelope must be marked "RFQ 70024111" – Was that meant to be RFQ 7002411?

Yes that was meant to be RFQ 7002411.

33. Just so that it is clear – the vendor IS required to submit a cost proposal for Phase I of the survey as part of the 'Part Two Submission Requirement' and NOT as part of the 'Part One Submission Requirement'?

Phase Two will only be required if needed in the future.

34. It is clear that the intent of this survey is "To reduce ground vibrations, air shock regarding perspective blasting. Two make other recommendations regarding all blasting operations to enhance the present procedures, to insure safety and security throughout this inherently dangerous business." - see page 3 Intent. Will the State Fire Marshal's office accept a final report that upholds the standard(s) outlined within RIGL 23-28.28-9, for example RI 8507 entitled *Structure Response and Damage Produced by Ground Vibration From Surface Mine Blasting*?

Not necessarily, Changes in RIGL might be required in the future.

35. Will the quarry operator, or agent be permitted to accompany the vendor when meeting "...with the affected neighbors..." – see page 4 item 3?

No, this is an independent study.

36. Please state what the "...concerns..." are? See page 4 line 6 of the fourth paragraph.

To alleviate blasting complaints and ground vibrations state wide.

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